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SUBJECT: MISSING/DETAINED AMCITS IN IRAN

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(SBU) On May 12, A/POL conveyed reftel points, requesting that capitals convey U.S. concern about AmCit harassment in Iran to their Iranian interlocutors, to Kang Do-ho, MOFAT's Middle East Division Director. In a subsequent meeting on May 14, Kang told A/POL that the ROKG would deliver U.S. concerns to the Iranian Government, especially about the case of the missing person. Kang noted that the Iranian Ambassador to Seoul in late May had met with MOFAT's Director-General for the Middle East and African Affairs Bureau to deliver concerns about alleged detained Iranians in Iraq. A/POL emphasized that suspicious Iranian activities in Iraq, particularly those with Iraqi insurgents, were of an entirely different nature than the cases of American citizens detained while visiting relatives or conducting humanitarian work that posed no threat. Kang conceded the point and said Seoul would communicate with Iranian interlocutors about the missing/detained AmCits.
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